Misappropriation of fund under NREGS

1841. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of diversion and misappropriation of funds under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme received by the Central Government so far since its inception, State-wise with the details of funds diverted/misappropriated; and

(b) the action taken/proposed by Union Government to retrieve the diverted/ misappropriated funds and to remedy the situation for the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) 85 complaints on diversion and misappropriation of funds have been received in this Ministry. The details of funds diverted/misappropriated have not been specifically mentioned in all the complaints.

(b) State Governments implement various provisions of NREGA through State Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes. Complaints received in this Ministry are forwarded to the States for appropriate action. The Ministry also deputes National Level Monitors to look into the complaints of serious nature. The Ministry has urged the State Governments to establish a suitable mechanism for redressal of grievances and disposal of complaints in accordance with the relevant provisions in NREGA. The Ministry has also requested the State Governments to ensure that in case of misappropriation and embezzlement of Government funds, not only disciplinary action should be taken against the guilty officials but simultaneously criminal prosecution should also be initiated under Indian Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act besides recovering the amount involved in accordance with Law.

Payment through saving bank account under NREGA

1842. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due wages to the labourers employed under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 are disbursed through savings bank accounts of the individuals;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of persons employed under NREGA year-wise since its inception, amount of fund disbursed as wages and number of savings bank accounts opened for these individuals State-wise;

(c) whether disbursal of wages have been in the form of cash, State-wise details of the same indicating percentage of cash disbursed out of the total wages; and

(d) the reasons for cash disbursal of wages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. NREGA Operational Guidelines- 2006 in para 6.1.5 provided that wages to workers may be paid through Bank/Post network. Payment of wages through Post Office/bank accounts has been re-emphasized in separate instructions issued to all States in this regard.

(b) to (d) The basic unit under NREGA is a household and not an individual. Hence the number of persons provided employment under NREGA is not maintained separately at central level. Details of number of households provided employment and wages disbursed in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are at Statement-I. (*See* below) Similar details for 2008-09 along with the number of accounts opened in Post offices and banks, amount of wages disbursed through savings accounts and percentage of wages disbursed in cash are at Statement-II. (*See* below) Inadequate infrastructural facilities in remote areas have impeded the progress of disbursement of wages through post offices and banks.

Statement-I

Details of number of households provided employment and wages disbursed in 2006-07 *and* 2007-08

Sl. No.	States	2006-07		2007-08	
		No. of house holds provided employment	Funds disbursed as wages (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of house holds provided employment	Funds disbursed as wages (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2161395	58422.46	4803892	166929.79
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	16926	218.91	4490	187.28
3.	Assam	792270	38369.19	1402888	35749.39
4.	Bihar	1688899	41859.88	3859630	68323.63
5.	Chhattisgarh	1256737	43156.49	2284963	90069.51
6.	Gujarat	226269	5583.01	290691	5785.81
7.	Haryana	50765	2329.77	70869	4440.87
8.	Himachal Pradesh	63514	2057.58	271099	7355.50
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	121328	2242.15	116800	2639.44
10.	Jharkhand	1394108	41286.36	1679868	61595.90
11.	Karnataka	545185	14774.24	549994	14306.79
12.	Kerala	99107	2474.63	185392	7139.51
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2866349	117350.36	4346916	175006.42
14.	Maharashtra	353024	16517.89	474695	16585.97
15.	Manipur	17880	1385.87	112549	4184.72

1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Meghalaya	96627	1767.46	106042	3650.64
17.	Mizoram	50998	1375.63	88940	4020.62
18.	Nagaland	27884	863.62	115331	1690.59
19.	Orissa	1394169	42197.66	1096711	31228.30
20.	Punjab	31648	1464.01	49690	1939.67
21.	Rajasthan	1175172	50726.51	2170460	98424.20
22.	Sikkim	4107	211.23	19664	808.31
23.	Tamilnadu	683481	14628.18	1234818	49890.71
24.	Tripura	74335	3007.8	423724	13134.34
25.	Uttar Pradesh	2573245	46209.24	4096408	126278.96
26.	Uttaranchal	134312	2942.07	189263	5930.12
27.	West Bengal	3083757	30814.68	3843335	76549.66
	Total	21016099	584235.88	33889122	1073846.65

Statement-II

State-wise number of accounts opened in post offices and banks, wages disbursed in case etc.

Sl. No.	States	No. of households provided employment	Amount of wages disbursed (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Post office/ Bank accounts	Payment through Post office/ Bank account (Rs. in lakh)	% of cash payment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4999455	149071.72	11971980	148417.72	0.44
2.	Arunachal pradesh	4981	166.08	2	0.00	100.00
3.	Assam	1119441	30622.40	725809	3541.33	88.44
4.	Bihar	2448650	51945.46	3571420	7987.21	84.62
5.	Chhattisgarh	1510652	61765.72	2378198	1781.43	97,12
6.	Gujarat	474309	6354.89	931920	3715.35	41.54
7.	Haryana	75629	3847.03	109886	2657.33	30.93
8.	Himachal Pradesh	328660	9465.49	271136	9313.89	1.60

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	50865	1049.40	16283	469.14	55.29
10.	Jharkhand	1038665	43623.16	2638131	29504.10	32.37
11.	Karnataka	419499	9406.45	2574341	9452.77	0.00
12.	Kerala	357660	6737.14	625723	6747.76	0.00
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3930929	133496.94	3969675	13185.70	90.12
14.	Maharashtra	415397	20716.20	654929	3625.79	82.50
15.	Manipur	288862	6541.18	91004	1627.37	75.12
16.	Meghalaya	145580	3071.10	277	1093.72	64.39
17.	Mizoram	166051	7956.67	12357	221.13	97.22
18.	Nagaland	147970	1268.65	509	249.72	80.32
19.	Orissa	704294	19834.08	1316908	13302.80	32.93
20.	Punjab	40718	1236.62	72604	492.23	60.20
21.	Rajasthan	5035570	274960.94	6124004	183408.94	33.30
22.	Sikkim	23338	953.09	14293	20.00	97.90
23.	Tamil Nadu	2644063	69657.96	6303193	0.72	100.00
24.	Tripura	510159	14969.82	259133	1630.05	89.11
25.	Uttar Pradesh	2987811	105915.78	4798824	45844.41	56.72
26.	Uttaranchal	126171	3064.02	559558	2855.45	6.81
27.	West Bengal	2273587	31840.46	2721336	2537.11	92.03
28.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	114	1.28	NR	NR	
29.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	46	NR	4416	NR	
30.	Daman and Diu	NR	NR	NR	NR	
31.	Goa	NR	NR	NR	NR	
32.	Lakshadweep	NR	NR	NR	NR	
33.	Pondicherry	12264	128.50	14982	128.51	0.00
34.	Chandigarh	NR	NR	NR	NR	
	Total	32281490	1069668.23	52732831	493811.68	53.83